

REMARKS

I. INTRODUCTION

Claim 7 has been amended. No new matter has been added. Therefore, claims 5-7 are pending in the present application. Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 5-7 contain allowable subject matter and entering the Amendment After Final. In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all of the pending claims are allowable.

II. THE 35 U.S.C. § 112 REJECTIONS SHOULD BE WITHDRAWN

Claims 5-7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. (See 9/17/2008 Office Action, p. 3 and 11/20/08 Advisory Action).

Claim 7 recites “a spring of a U-shaped configuration has a cross-member connected to the head part and two sides co-operating with at least one position extension connected to the main part in the region of each of its two sides.” Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 7 particularly points out and distinctly claims the subject matter of the invention. Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 7 is allowable. Because claims 5-6 depend from, and therefore include all of the limitations of claim 7, it is respectfully submitted that these claims are allowable for at least the same reason as claim 7.

CONCLUSION

It is therefore respectfully submitted that all of the presently pending claims are allowable. All issues raised by the Examiner having been addressed, an early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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